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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: HYDRAULIC SYSTEM AND ]  
AUTOMATIC GEARBOX ]  
Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
continuation application as indicated on the following sheets.

**Amendments to the Specification** – begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** – the drawings are not being amended by this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.